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1. PER REFTEL THE EMBASSY FORWARDS THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED DRAFT
JOINT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE JORDANIAN-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION
FOR USE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF PRIME MIN
RIFAI TO THE U.S. THIS TEXT HAS NOT BEEN SHOWN TO OR DISCUSSED
WITH GOJ.

2. STATEMENT ON JORDANIAN-U.S. COOPERATION

FOLLOWING THE JOINT STATEMENT OF JUNE 18, 1974 IN WHICH JORDAN
AND THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT JORDANIAN-
U.S. COMMISSION AT A HIGH LEVEL TO OVERSEE AND REVIEW ON A
REGULAR BASIS THE VARIOUS AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES, PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT
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THE UNITED STATES ON (DATE) TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WITH

PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER.

THE VISIT PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PRESENT U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO JORDANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF JORDANIAN SECURITY AND DEFENSE. BOTH SIDES AFFIRMED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS AND PLEDGED THEIR DETERMINATION TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THIS CO-OPERATION BY DEVELOPING A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK, THE JORDANIAN-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION, WHOSE PURPOSE WILL BE TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF FUTURE U.S.-JORDANIAN COOPERATION.

IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING THE STATE OF EXISTING PROGRAMS AND RELATIONSHIPS, THE DISCUSSIONS EMPHASIZED THE WAYS IN WHICH THE RECENT CREATION BY THE UNITED STATES OF NEW INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROMOTING COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA COULD ALSO BE UTILIZED TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF US-JORDANIAN COOPERATION. THE TWO COUNTRIES ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE APPROPRIATE MEANS WHEREBY JORDANIAN TECHNICAL AND EDUCATIONAL CAPABILITIES CAN MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF OTHER AREAS OF THE ARAB WORLD. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UNITED STATES OFFERED ITS ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING APPROPRIATE JORDANIAN EFFORTS IN THAT REGARD.

THE VISIT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO SIDES TO AGREE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BEST DESIGNED TO FACILITATE ONGOING BILATERAL COOPERATION UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. THE U.S. AND JORDAN ESTABLISHED A GENERAL JORDANIAN-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE JORDANIAN PRIME MINISTER AND THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF U.S.-JORDANIAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT, MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLY AND EDUCATION/CULTURAL AFFAIRS. THE GENERAL JOINT COMMISSION WILL REVIEW ON A REGULAR BASIS THE PROGRESS OF THESE SEPARATE JOINT COMMISSIONS AND THEIR VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS. THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS COMMISSION WAS HELD DURING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT, PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE PLEDGED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EXPEDITE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE OF COOPERATION AND AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING CONCRETE STEPS:
(A) A JOINT COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SENIOR U.S. AND JORDANIAN OFFICIALS, WHO WILL MEET IN AMMAN IN OCTOBER TO REVIEW GENERAL PLANS FOR JORDAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL AREAS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON AGRICULTURE, MINERALS DEVELOPMENT,

OPMENT AND POSSIBLY TOURISM. THE COMMISSION ON THE U.S. SIDE WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WILL INCLUDE SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL AND MINERALS DEVELOPMENT (U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY?) AS WELL AS PARTICIPANTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. ON THE JORDANIAN SIDE, CROWN PRINCE? WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN AND WILL BE ASSISTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, RELEVANT MINISTERS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN. JOINT WORKING GROUPS IN SPECIFIED AREAS WILL BE ORGANIZED AND WILL MEET THEREAFTER TO DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.

(B) A JOINT COMMISSION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLY WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY 1975 TO FORMULATE PLANNING AND REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL CHAIR THIS COMMISSION ON THE U.S. SIDE AND THE JORDANIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE ASSISTED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF WILL HEAD THE JORDANIAN DELEGATION. JOINT ARMY AND AIR FORCE WORKING GROUPS, INCLUDING APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM JORDAN AND THE U.S., UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE JORDANIAN CHIEF OF STAFF AND AIR FORCE COMMANDER FOR JORDAN AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS FOR THE UNITED STATES WILL MEET WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THAT MEETING TO FOLLOW UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES AND PROGRAMS DEVELOPED IN THE ABOVE JOINT COMMISSION.

(C) A JOINT COMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT WAS CONSTITUTED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF EXPANDING U.S. INVESTMENT IN JORDAN AND INCREASING TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE COMMISSION WILL COMBINE MEMBERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS JOINT COMMISSION WOULD MEET AT AN EARLY DATE TO BE DETERMINED. IT WOULD BE FOLLOWED DIRECTLY BY SEPARATE JOINT CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING GROUPS WHICH WOULD UNDERTAKE A DETAILED REVIEW OF THOSE SECTORS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT SELECTED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION FOR PRIORITY CONCENTRATION FROM AMONG MINERALS, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM AND OTHER POSSIBLE AREAS.

(D) JOINT COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS IT WAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A JOINT COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, ARCHAEOLOGY AND TOURISM. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL IMMEDIATELY UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS IN AMMAN AND WILL REPORT TO THE GENERAL JOINT COMMISSION REGARDING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMISSION.

IN CONCLUSION, BOTH COUNTRIES PLEDGED TO EXERT MAJOR EFFORTS TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE JORDANIAN-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION AND

TO CONSULT CLOSELY AND REGULARLY REGARDING ITS PROGRESS,
INSURING THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS SEPARATE BODIES ARE FULLY
COORDINATED AND RESPONSIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.
THE GOVERNMENTS OF JORDAN AND THE UNITED STATES RE-AFFIRMED THEIR
SATISFACTION WITH THE EXCELLENT TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COO-
PERATION THAT HAVE ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED US-JORDANIAN RELATIONS
AND PLEDGED INCREASED EFFORTS AT STRENGTHENING THESE RELATIONS
IN THE FUTURE.
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